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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt 2.*

Laſt Wedneſday an expreſs arrived with the following account of a battle fought between the militia of Fincaſtle *and ſome of the* Cherokee *and* Creek *Indians, near the* Big *iſland, on the 20th of July*, 1776.

ON the 19th our ſcouts returned, and informed us that they had diſcovered where a great number of Indians were making into the ſettlement; upon which alarm, the few men that were ſtationed at Eaton's completed a breaſtwork, ſufficiently ſtrong, with the aſſiſtance of what men were there, to have repelled a conſiderable number, ſent expreſſes to the different ſtations, and collected all the forces in one body, and the morning after about 170 turned out in ſearch of the enemy. We marched in two diviſions, with flankers on each ſide, and ſcouts before. Our ſcouts diſcovered upwards of 20 meeting us, and fired on them. They returned the fire, but our men ruſhed on them with ſuch violence that they were obliged to make a very precipitate retreat. We took ten bundles, and a good deal of plunder, and had great reaſon to think ſome of them were wounded. This ſmall ſkirmiſh happened on ground very diſadvantageous for our men to purſue, though it was with the greateſt difficulty our officers could reſtrain their men. A council was held, and it was thought adviſeable to return, as we imagined there was a large party not far off. We accordingly returned, and had not marched more than a mile when a number not inferiour to ours attacked us in the rear. Our men ſuſtained the attack with great bravery and intrepidity, and immediately formed a line. The Indians endeavoured to ſurround us, but were prevented by the uncommon fortitude and vigilance of capt. James Shelby, who took poſſeſſion of an eminence that prevented their deſign. Our line of battle extended about a quarter of a mile. We killed 13 on the ſpot, whom we found, and have the greateſt reaſon to believe that we could have found many more, had we had time to ſearch for them. There were ſtreams of blood every way, and it was generally thought there was never ſo much execution done in ſo ſhort a time on the frontiers. Never did troops fight with greater calmneſs than ours did. The Indians attacked us with the greateſt fury imaginable, and made the moſt vigorous efforts to ſurround us. Our ſpies really deſerved the greateſt applauſe. We took a great deal of plunder and many guns, and had only four men ſlightly wounded. The reſt of the troops are in high ſpirits, and eager for another engagement. We have the greateſt reaſon to believe they are pouring in great numbers on us, and beg the aſſiſtance of our friends.

JAMES THOMPSON.
JAMES SHELBY.
WILLIAM BUCHANAN.
JOHN CAMPBELL.
WILLIAM COCKE.
THOMAS MADISON.

To major ANTHONY BLEDSOE, *from him to be immediately ſent to col.* PRESTON.

FINCASTLE, *ſc.*

THE depoſition of Jarrett Williams, taktn before me, Anthony Bledſoe, a juſtice of the peace for the county aforeſaid, being firſt ſworn on the holy evangeliſts of Almighty God, depoſeth and ſaith, that he left the Cherokee nation on Monday night the 8th inſtant (July) that the part of the nation called the Overhills were then preparing to go to war againſt the frontiers of Virginia, having purchaſed to the amount of 1000 ſkins, or thereabouts, for mockaſons. They were alſo beating flour for a march, and making other warlike preparations. Their number, from a calculation made by the Raven warriours, amounts to about 600 warriours; and, according to the deponent's ideas, he thinks we may expect a general attack every hour. They propoſe to take away negroes, horſes, &c. and to kill all kinds of cattle, ſheep, &c. for which purpoſe they are well ſtocked with bows and arrows, &c. alſo to deſtroy all corn, burn houſes, &c. And he alſo heard, that the Valley towns were, a part of them, ſet off; but that they had ſent a runner to ſtop them, till all were ready to ſtart. He farther relates, that Alexander Cameron informed them, that he had concluded to ſend capt. Nathaniel Gueſt, William Faulin, Iſaac Williams, and the deponent, with the Indians, till they came near to Nanachukey; then the Indians were to ſtop, and Gueſt and the other whites above-mentioned were to go to ſee if there were any king's men among the inhabitants; and if they found any, they were to take them off to the Indians, or have a white ſignal in their hands, or otherwiſe to diſtinguiſh them. When this was done, they were to fall on the inhabitants, and kill and drive all they poſſibly could. That on Saturday the 6th inſtant, in the night, he heard two priſoners were brought in about midnight, but the deponent ſaw only one. That the within Williams ſaw one ſcalp brought by a party of the Indians, with a priſoner; but, from accounts, they had five ſcalps. He alſo ſays, he heard the priſoner examined by Cameron, though he gave a very imperfect account, being very much caſt-down. He farther ſays, that the Cherokees had received the war belt from the Shawaneſe, Mingo, Taawah, and Delaware nations, to ſtrike the white people. That 15 of the ſaid nations were lately in the Cherokee towns, and that few of the Cherokees went in company with ſaid 15 Shawaneſe, &c. That they all intended to ſtrike the ſettlers on Kentucky, and that the Cherokees gave the ſaid Shawaneſe, &c. four ſcalps of white men, which they carried away with them. The ſaid Shawaneſe and Mingoes informed the Cherokees, that they then were at peace with every other nation; that the French were to ſupply them with ammunition, and that they wanted the Cherokees to join them to ſtrike the white people on the frontiers, which the Cherokees have agreed to. And the deponent farther ſaith, that before he left the nation a number of the Cherokees from the lower towns were gone to fall on the frontiers of South Carolina and Georgia; and farther ſaith not.

JARRETT WILLIAMS.

Signed before
ANTHONY BLEDSOE.

To the gentlemen freeholders of CHARLES CITY, JAMES CITY, *and* NEW KENT *counties.*

GENTLEMEN,

I OBSERVE in the form of government laid down by the worthy delegates of this colony, in Convention, a SENATE is to be compoſed of 24 members, to be choſen by the free voice of the people; in conſequence of which, you, no doubt, will expect to have offers made you by gentlemen willing to ſerve their country in the capacity of a ſenator. I have not yet underſtood, in the compaſs of my acquaintance, that any gentleman is inclined to ſtand as candidate for this diſtrict, notwithſtanding ſome time has elapſed ſince this meaſure has been known to the publick. A young man, therefore, who ſtyles himſelf a friend to liberty, begs leave to offer his ſervice to you on the occaſion, not doubting but you will be governed by the moſt liberal and candid principles in your choice of a repreſentative, and not by prepoſſeſſion in favour of friendſhip or connexion. Moſt of you, gentlemen, I have the honour to be well known to, particularly in James City, my native county, and this, in which I have lived a few years; nor can I be unknown to the greateſt part of New Kent, although I have not contracted ſo large and ſo intimate an acquaintance there. However, to gentlemen who always act upon ſuch motives as do them honour in the choice of a legiſlator, nothing can be more ridiculous than to ſuppoſe they have an idea that a ſtranger is leſs capable, becauſe he is a ſtranger, to ſerve his country in any poſt, than even the moſt intimate friend or relation. So far from thinking that any of you will part with your freedom in election, when you have ſo nobly ſtruggled for your liberty, and as it were reared its once drooping head above the power of deſpotick rule, that I am convinced, when the day comes in which you make known your ſenator, it will not be the perſuaſion of the neareſt friend that can induce you to part with one ſingle particle of it, upon diſhonourable terms. If, gentlemen, any one ſhould offer his ſervice to you whom you know to be ſuperiour in abilities, if worthy in other reſpects, ſuch a one I recommend to you in the ſtrongeſt terms; for merit and abilities ought always to have promotion, nor ſhall I ever ſuffer the leaſt mortification but when the contrary is the caſe.

The taſk is no doubt great, and arduous to undertake; but however difficult to diſcharge to the general ſatisfaction of the world, the candidate muſt not be intimidated ſo much as to with-hold his deſire from the publick, becauſe the motive on which he is induced to act is the love of liberty, his country, and poſterity. Abi-

liti s may be wanting, in ſo diſtinguiſhable an office; but my endeavours to render ſatisfaction, by an upright deportment, and conſtant attention to every thing that is juſt, reaſonable, and political, as far as I am able to judge, ſhall ever be devoted to the good of my country. I ſhall reſt ſatisfied, gentlemen, that you will not expect a perſonal application, as it is almoſt impracticable for any man. I know no better method of offering my ſervice to you all than this, which I hope will be taken in good part. I am, gentlemen, your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

JOHN TYLER.

INDIAN FIELDS, *July* 28, 1776.

NEW YORK, *July* 15.

LAST Friday morning it was reported in town that lord Howe was arrived at Sandy Hook, with a large fleet from England. Between 1 and 2 o'clock P. M. two ſhips hove in ſight, and joined the fleet at the Watering Place; and about an hour after, a ſhip, ſuppoſed to be the Phenix of 44 guns, a frigate of 28, and three tenders, got under way at Staten iſland, and ſtood up for this city. The army ſoon took the alarm, and in a few minutes every man was at his ſtation, well provided with all neceſſaries for a vigorous defence; but as ſoon as the ſhips came near Bedlow's iſland they inclined towards the Jerſey ſhore, to avoid our batteries, that then began to play upon them from every quarter, on both ſides of the river, and notwithſtanding they muſt have received conſiderable damage, they ſtood their courſe up Hudſon's river, firing ſeveral broadſides as they went along, without either killing or wounding any of our people, who on the occaſion behaved with uncommon bravery. A ſtrong ſoutherly wind, and the tide of flood, facilitated the ſhips getting above the batteries near the town; but we hear they were roughly handled about 12 miles up the river, from whence they have not yet attempted to return, but we hear lay at Tarry town, about 30 miles up the river, on Saturday evening. Several ſhot went through different houſes in the town; two into the houſe of mr. Verdice Elſworth, at Powlis Hook; three into capt. Clarke's houſe, at Greenwich; one of them went through the front, and lodged in a brick wall at the head of miſs Clarke's bed, in her bed-chamber; a ſecond went through the houſe, and a third deſtroyed ſeveral trees before the door, and took its courſe into the woods. A ball alſo ſtruck the houſe of mr. Daniel Phenix, and from that took its courſe to the new dwelling of mr. Chriſtopher Smith, in the oppoſite ſide of the ſtreet.

Soon after theſe ſhips paſſed the town, a great number of ſalutation guns were heard in the fleet below, which we are ſince told was on the arrival of lord Howe, with a few more ſhips.

On Sunday afternoon a barge from the fleet appeared in our bay, with a white flag, which was there met by the general's barge, with ſeveral gentlemen of the army on board. The flag was ſent by lord Howe, with a letter to his excellency general Waſhington; but as the letter was improperly directed, it was not received, though much ſolicited by the officer, who we hear ſaid it contained nothing of a hoſtile nature; for that lord Howe came over poſſeſſed of unlimited power, and was much concerned he had not arrived a few days ſooner, which would have effected a reconciliation, &c. However, it ſeems his unlimited power did not extend to the neceſſary preliminaries of a negotiation---an acknowledgment of the right of the perſons, to whom he came, to treat with him. Indeed the idea of coming over to propoſe a plan of reconciliation is, in every view, abſurd and ridiculous; for as the colonies never invaded the rights of Britain, and only defended their own, there was no occaſion at all for negotiation. The moment Great Britain receded from her unjuſt claims, the war was at an end. The very *propoſition*, therefore, of a negotiation, was a proof that Great Britain perſiſted in her encroachments on the rights of the colonies, and was in itſelf an act of a hoſtile nature.

On Tueſday another flag from the fleet appeared, and was met as before; when a letter was again offered, but, for the ſame reaſon as the former, rejected.

Capt. Johnſton, in a ſmall privateer from Boſton, has taken and carried into Cape Anne two ſhips, one of them a large three-decker from Jamaica for London, with 400 hogſheads of ſugar, 200 puncheons of rum, 30 bags of cotton, and a large quantity of pimenta, &c. with ſeveral ladies paſſengers. The other a ſhip from Antigua, bound to Boſton, with 490 puncheons of rum, &c.

July 18. The 4th of July was launched at Newbury Port, in the preſence of a great number of ſpectators from different parts, the ſecond continental frigate of 36 guns, named the HANCOCK.

A gentleman who arrived here on Tueſday evening reports, that he ſaw the two ſhips of war and three tenders ſtanding up the river, under ſail, at 11 o'clock the ſame day, the foremoſt ſhip about 13 miles below fort Montgomemy. That 1400 of the militia were called in to the fort, which, conſidering the good condition it was in, it is hoped will be ſufficient to repel the utmoſt efforts of the ſhips to proceed farther up the river. Their principal deſign no doubt is to deſtroy our two frigates on the ſtocks at Poughkeepſie, which are almoſt ready for launching.

We are informed that William Barrack and John Sneden, two of the pilots on board the ſhips of war, were both killed by the ſhot from our batteries in paſſing them laſt Friday. Theſe adventurers up Hudſon's river are the Phenix capt. Parker, and the Roſe, commanded by the infamous Wallace, and their three tenders.

Several ſhips from the fleet at Staten iſland, whether men of war or tranſports, or where bound, we could not learn, ſailed through the Narrows this day towards Sandy Hook.

We hear from Poughkeepſie, that 23 perſons diſaffected to our common cauſe, endeavouring to diſarm the friends of liberty, have been taken up by order of the committee of that place, who have ordered them to Ridgefield jail.

It is ſaid the fleet deſtined for the American ſtation is as follows, viz. One of 70 guns, three of 60, ſeven of 50, two of 44, ſeven of 32, twelve of 28, five of 24, five of 20, two of 18, ſeven of 16, three of 14, three of 10, and three of 8, beſides armed veſſels, and one bomb-ketch.

Extract of a letter, dated Southampton (Long Iſland) *July* 5.

"Two of our privateers took a ſhip and ſloop from England, and carried them into an inlet called Nichol's Gut, in the ſouth bay. The ſhip had on board five gentlemen, their wives, children, ſervants, and houſehold furniture, intending to ſettle on ſome pleaſant part of the conquered lands. I hope we ſhall be able to ſettle them all as theſe are ſettled, viz. in a jail."

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 20.

THE rev. Jacob Duche is appointed chaplain to the Hon. Continental Congreſs.

This afternoon the firſt battalion of the Maryland regulars, commanded by col. Smallwood, arrived in this city, on their way to the Jerſeys, where they are to compoſe part of the flying camp.

Since our laſt the militia of this city, with a number of companies from the other parts of the province, have marched for New Jerſey.

By accounts from Canada, we learn that our troops, a few days after the battle at Three Rivers, retreated to the Ile de Noix; but finding that an extreme unhealthy place, were obliged to retire to Crown Point, where they are repairing that old fortification. That the Engliſh had got to St. John's, where they would have to build boats before they could croſs the lakes; and that we had a ſchooner of ſix carriage guns, and four other armed veſſels, with which it is hoped the Engliſh will be prevented croſſing the lake.

BALTIMORE, *July* 24.

BY a gentleman who arrived yeſterday from Philadelphia, we are informed that laſt Wedneſday a French brig from Cape Nichola Mole, laden with ſugars, dry goods, &c. arrived at that place. When ſhe came to anchor, ſhe immediately hoiſted an enſign with 13 flower-de-luce, in compliment to the 13 United States of America. The captain ſays, it will give univerſal ſatisfaction to the French governments, when acquainted with the declaration of independence; that the naval preparations they have been making are chiefly to protect the trade intended to be carried on with us by them, and to recover thoſe Weſt India iſlands which formerly belonged to them; and that, ſhortly, we ſhould have trading veſſels in abundance.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt* 2.

WE have the pleaſure to inform the publick, that our worthy GOVERNOUR, who is now at his ſeat in Hanover, is ſo much recovered from his late ſevere indiſpoſition that he walks out daily, and it is hoped will ſoon be able to return to the ſeat of government, to attend the duties of his high and important office.

Since our laſt, we have certain advice that lord Dunmore, with his motley band of pirates and renegadoes, have burnt the elegant brick houſe of William Brent, eſq; at the mouth of Aquia creek, in Stafford county, as alſo two other houſes lower down Potowmack river, the property of widow ladies, with ſeveral ferry boats; that on Tueſday ſe'nnight he relanded on St. George's iſland, but was beat off by 1200 Marylanders; that he had burnt eight of his veſſels, and was ſeen ſtanding down the bay the Thurſday after with all his fleet.

By private letters from Philadelphia, we learn that a reinforcement had been ſent to general Clinton from Staten iſland, where both lord Howe and his brother the general waited the arrival of the men of war and tranſports from England; ſo that we may look for important news from that quarter by every poſt, which, conſidering the juſtice of our cauſe, the integrity and abilities of our noble general, joined to the zeal and alacrity of our northern brethren to protect their liberties, there is the greateſt reaſon to believe will be propitious to America.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED *immediately, a* SURGEON'S MATE *to attend the hoſpital.*

WILLIAM CARTER.

CHARLES CITY, *July* 27, 1776.

LOST *or left on ſome compter or table in* Williamſburg, *on* Friday *the* 19*th inſtant, a ſmall* BUNDLE *of* PAPERS *tied with a piece of white tape, in which bundle was a bond of mr.* Thomas Joram's *for* 30*l. odd, and another of mr.* Green Munford's *for* 20*l. with a receipt on the back for* 10*l. of the within, alſo ſundry other papers. Whoever will deliver the ſaid bonds to mr.* Allen Dean *or mr.* Thomas Skinner *of* Williamſburg, *or to the ſubſcriber in* Charles City *county, ſhall have* 20*s. reward.*

LAWRENCE EGMON.

N. B. *I forewarn all perſons from taking an aſſignment of the above bonds.*

For SALE,

THE noted ſwift horſe IRISHMAN, that has often proved himſelf to be as ſwift as any horſe in *Virginia* or *North Carolina*, agreeable to the rules of racing. He is remarkable for getting very delicate colts, and is now riſing 8 years old. As this horſe is ſo well known, I think a farther deſcription of him needleſs. He will be ſhewn at the *Raleigh* tavern, in *Williamſburg*, the 19th of this inſtant, when the terms will be made known by

2‖ RANDOLPH PRICE.

SURRY county, *Auguſt* 1, 1776.

N. B. I will take *North Carolina* currency for him, if warrranted to be good.

SURRY COUNTY.

WALL's *bridge*, *Auguſt* 1, 1776.

I HAVE a likely fine bay JANUS COLT for ſale, juſt riſing 7 years old, 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, and well proportioned. He is the plan for a covering horſe, and will make a fine trooper or carriage nag when cut. The terms will be moderate, and the caſh to be paid down on delivery.

‖ JOHN HOLEMAN.

To be SOLD on the premiſes, on Friday *the* 1*ſt of* September *next*,

SIX hundred and ſeventy two acres of land lying in *Louiſa* county belonging to the eſtate of capt. *Francis Smith*, deceaſed. The ſoil is exceeding fine for corn, wheat, and tobacco; and there is on the land a plantation cleared, with all neceſſary houſes for cropping. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſer giving bond and ſecurity to

THOMAS SMITH.

HANOVER *county*, July 26, 1776.

For SALE,

A PLANTATION in *New Kent* county, commonly known by the name of *Cumberland*, containing 1000 acres, whereon *Littlepage's* warehouſes ſtand, on *Pamunkey* river, alſo another tract on *York* river, a little below *Weſt Point*, containing 555 acres. A particular deſcription I look upon to be needleſs, as any perſon inclinable to purchaſe will make himſelf acquainted with the places. The terms may be known by applying to the ſubſcriber, in *Caroline*.

‖ *JOHN HOOMES.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt* 2, 1776.

THE ſhip *Oxford*, a prize of 200 tuns burthen, with her rigging, tackle, apparel, and furniture, all in excellent order, will be ſold at publick ſale on *Monday* the 19th inſtant, before the *Raleigh* tavern, in *Williamsburg*, for ready money; the ſale at 6 o'clock in the afternoon preciſely. Any perſon, by applying to capt. *James Gregory* of *Prince George*, may be ſhewn the ſhip with her furniture, who has an inventory of the ſame.

(2) JAMES HUBARD.

LOST by the ſubſcriber, a ſmall memorandum book covered with marble paper, containing 3l. 2s. 6d. *Virginia* paper currency, with ſundry accounts of things delivered to the *Virginia* artillery company. Whoever has found the ſame, and will deliver the book with the accounts to the printer, or the ſubſcriber, ſhall be genteelly rewarded, and no queſtions aſked. 1‖ ISAAC DEAN.

STRAYED *from the ſubſcriber, on* Monday *the* 22*d inſtant* (July) *a dark bay horſe* 4 *feet* 6 *or* 7 *inches high, with a ſwitch tail and hanging mane, has ſome hair rubbed off his back with a ſaddle, and has had his near fore ankle cut, which is now ſwelled; he trots, paces, and gallops remarkable eaſy. As he was bred in the lower end of* Surry, *near col.* Allen Cocke's, *it is probable he will make that way. Any perſon who will deliver the ſaid horſe to me, in* Peterſburg, *ſhall be handſomely rewarded.* *RICHARD NOBLE.*

Mr. PURDIE,

THE *inhabitants of Smithfield return capt. Beale, of the* 4*th regiment, and his officers, their ſincere and hearty thanks for their genteel and polite behaviour, and for the ſtrict diſcipline and good orders maintained in the company during their reſidence amongſt them. This, joined to their care and aſſiduity for the peace and quiet of the town, will always be acknowledged with pleaſure by the*

INHABITANTS of *SMITHFIELD.*

WESTOVER, *July* 26, 1776.

ON *Wedneſday* night laſt was ſtolen out of a paſture at *Weſtover* a large ſtrong bay plough horſe, upwards of 15 hands high, a natural pacer, ſix years old laſt ſpring, with a hanging mane and long ſwitch tail. He has many white hairs over his body, and may be called a roan. I do not remember his brand. I will give 20s. reward to any perſon who may deliver him to me, and 5l. on conviction of the thief.

(tf) *W. BYRD.*

THE furnace to be erected on *Phelps's* creek, in *Buckingham* county, within a mile of *James* river, and about 50 miles above the falls, is to be let, with its appurtenances, on *Monday* the 19th day of *Auguſt*, at the houſe of capt. *John Fearon*, near the premeſes. In this work will be wanted quarriers of ſtone, maſons, carpenters, and mill-wrights. All perſons, inclinable to undertake any part thereof, are deſired to give their attendance at the time and place above mentioned. The money will be paid by *George Carrington*, *John Nicholas*, and *Samuel Jordan*, eſquires, truſtees for the colony, as ſoon as the work is done, according to agreement made with

JOHN BALLENDINE.
JOHN REVELEY.

*** Wood cutters and good colliers will be wanted immediately, to whom proper encouragement will be given.

WANTED *for the Continental Hoſpital in* Williamſburg, *ſome* NURSES *to attend the ſick. Any ſuch, coming well recommended, will have good encouragement by applying to the Director of the Hoſpital.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 30, 1776.

STRAYED from mrs. *Campbell's*, early on *Friday* morning the 27th inſtant, a dark bay (or brown) horſe, about 14 hands high, with a ſtar in his forehead, hanging mane and ſwitch tail, and I believe one if not more of his feet white, not branded that I recollect; has a ſhort but very eaſy and pleaſant pace and canter, trots very hard, and late the property of capt. *Burgeſs Ball*. It is probable he will make towards the *Northern Neck*. Whoever will deliver the ſaid horſe to mrs. *Campbell*, or to me in camp near *Gwyn's* iſland, *Glouceſter* county, or ſecure him ſo that I get him again, ſhall be handſomely rewarded. CHARLES FLEMING.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 4, 1776.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber laſt night, a light bay horſe 6 years old, about 14 hands high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, not branded, but has a little hair rubbed off his back by a ſaddle; he paces and gallops well. Whoever will give me ſuch intelligence that I may get him again ſhall have 20s. reward, and 5l. on conviction of the thief.

JAMES SLATE.

WILLIAMBBURG, *July* 29, 1776.

COMMITTED to the publick jail, a likely young negro woman named SALLY, who ſays ſhe belongs to *James Perkins* of *Charles City* county, and was purchaſed by him of col. *Lewis Burwell* of *King's Mill*. Her maſter is deſired to apply for her, pay charges, and take her away. (tf) PETER PELHAM.

CHARLES CITY, *July* 26, 1776.

I HAVE in poſſeſſion two negroes, NED and JACOB. *Ned* is a black well ſet fellow, and *Jacob* of a yelloviſh complexion, with glaring eyes. They are near of one height, which is about 5 feet 6 inches. They give different accounts of their maſters names, though they both ſay they came from *South Carolina*, which place they give a very juſt account of. Their maſters are deſired to prove their property, and apply for them.

‖ WILLIAM POYNTER.

To be SOLD at publick auction, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of John Tod Bickerton, *deceaſed, at* Bedford *court-houſe, on* Monday *the* 23*d of* September *next, being court day*,

A TRACT of LAND on *Falling* river, in the ſaid county, containing 1846 acres, with a plantation and improvements thereon. Twelve months credit will be allow, the purchaſers giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to

(8) THE EXECUTORS.

N. B. Mrs. *Martha Irwin* claims dower in the above land.

SEAMEN.

WANTED immediately, ſome able-bodied ſeamen, to whom good encouragement will be given, by col. *Fielding Lewis* in *Fredericksburg*, mr. *Joſhua Storrs* near *Richmond*, and mr. *Ackroyd* in *Williamſburg*.

ABLE SEAMEN wanted for a new ſhip lying at EDENTON, *North Carolina*. Extraordinary wages will be given.------ Apply to capt. *Alexander Thomſon* on board, or to the ſubſcriber at *Milner's*.

‖ MICHAEL WALLACE.

IN *obedience to an order of the General Convention, appointing us, or any three of us, to ſell at publick auction, on ſix months credit, taking bond and ſufficient ſecurity, the ſloop* Olive, *together with her ſtanding rigging, anchor and cable, the ſloops* Lark, Speedwell, *and* Suſannah, *together with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, ſlave and ſlaves to them reſpectively belonging, we hereby give notice, that the ſale of the veſſels and ſlaves at* Frederickſburg *will be at that place on* Thurſday *the* 15*th day of* Auguſt, *and of the veſſel at* Port Royal *at that place on* Saturday *the* 17*th of the ſaid month.*

CHARLES WASHINGTON.
(2) JOHN TENANT.
THOMAS LOMAX.
JAMES TUTT.

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

LEFT in an office-houſe in *Williamſburg*, on *Sunday* the 7th of this inſtant (*July*) a *SILVER WATCH*, No. 2298, maker's name T. SNELLING, *London*, with a poliſhed ſteel chain, pinchbeck watch key, ſmall pocket book key, and guilt ſeal without a face. There are ſtrong reaſons to believe it was taken by a ſhoemaker named *Thomas Trindill*, who went off about eight days ago in a veſſel bound for *Cumberland*, in which was one *Williams* with proviſions for capt. *Travis*. The ſaid *Trindill* is a ſmall lame man with dark hair, and intended, when he left *Williamſburg*, to work for col. *Syme* of *Hanover*. Whoever delivers the watch to the printer of this paper ſhall have the above reward.

RUN *away from the ſubſcriber, the* 6*th inſtant, a negro man named GEORGE, of a yellow ſh complexion, whom I purchaſed of mr.* David Meade. *He took with him a bay mare, about* 14 *hands high, with a ſtar in her forehead, and paces naturally. I believe he has ſteered his courſe towards* Iſle *of* Wight, *or* Nanſemond, *as he was ſeen at* Weſtover *ferry two days after he went off. Whoever will deliver the ſlave and mare to the ſubſcriber, near* Richmond, *in* Henrico, *ſhall have* 5*l. reward.*

MILES SELDEN.

FOUND by one of the subscriber's ferrymen, in the river, near *Cobham* wharf, four PLATED CANDLESTICKS, which the owner may have on proving his property and paying charges.

WILLIAM EMERY.

I HAVE received 41 *SMALL-ARMS*, which I would sell on reasonable terms, and have still by me an assortment of SWORDS. WILLIAM PITT.

COLLEGE CAMP, *July* 20, 1776.

RUN away from the subscriber, about ten days ago, a servant boy 14 years old, whose Christian name is *TOM*, of a swarthy complexion, and has black hair. He has been brought up to the barber's business, and took with him a razor case with some razors; had four years to serve, and took with him a gray drab coat, waistcoat, and breeches. He formerly lived with mr. *George Lorimer*, of *Urbanna*. Whoever delivers him to me, or to col. *Woodford*, shall have three dollars reward.

GEORGE WEEDON.

STOLEN from my company of marines, at *Fredericksburg*, a RIFLE GUN 3 feet 8 or 9 inches barrel, about half an inch bore, with a brass box, marked on the top square of the barrel *Fredericksburg*, and the maker's name, which I do not remember. Whoever brings the said gun to me in *Hobb's Hole*, or to col. *Fielding Lewis* in *Fredericksburg*, shall have 20s. reward, paid by

GABRIEL JONES, captain.

STOLEN from the subscriber, the 29th of last month, in the night, a black horse about 13 hands and a half high, well made, with a hanging mane and switch tail, and branded, as well as I remember, on the near buttock, I P S in a piece. He has a scar on the left hind foot, occasioned by a cut, trots and gallops tolerably well, and was in good order when stolen. He works remarkably well in gears of any kind, and is about 10 years old. I will give 20s. to any person who will give me such information that I get him again, 40s. if delivered to me in the lower end of *Henrico* county, and 5l. on conviction of the thief.

2 JOHN DOLLARD

WANTED, two large handsome young BAY MARES, undockt, for which ready money will be given; also a pair of young nags for a chariot. BAYS will be preferred. Inquire of the Printer.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

YORK town, *July* 9, 1776.

LAST night some person, or persons, broke into my room and stole a pocket-book containing one 8 dollar bill *Carolina* currency, No. 2652, several continental and *Virginia* bills, numbers unknown, a bond from mr. *Richard Goodall* to *John Lawrence*, jun. for 25l. payable last *October* (which I forewarn all persons from taking an assignment of) and sundry other papers of account; also a green worsted purse, with sundry dollars and other silver. I have good reason to believe it was one *Jones*, who was under confinement in *Williamsburg* for some time, and left this town that night, since which he has not been heard of. I will give the above reward on conviction of the thief, with what money may be secured; and as I expect the pocket-book and papers will be thrown away, whoever finds them, and delivers them to me, shall be rewarded.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

RICHMOND, *May* 20, 1776.

JOURNEYMEN weavers will meet with good encouragement from the subscriber, also persons that can spin wool, linen, or cotton.---I want some apprentices for the weaving business.

(6) GARDINER FLEMING.

NORTHAMPTON county, *July* 6, 1776.

THE subscriber is in want of a quantity of LOW LAND TOBACCO fit for the *French* market, FLOUR, red and white oak HOGSHEAD STAVES, with a proportion of HEADING suitable for the *West India* market, to be delivered at any good landing in this or *Accomack* county, not to the northward of *Pungoteague;* for which ready money will be paid, on delivery. If the tobacco and flour are packed in water-proof casks, an additional price of sixpence per hundred will be given on the commodities, and for the casks according to their quality.

(6) SAMUEL INGLIS.

PRINCE WILLIAM, *June* 1, 1776.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from the subscriber, on his journey from *Williamsburg*, on the 11th of *May*, near *King William* court-house, a mulatto servant man, named *John Newton*, about 20 years of age, an *Indian* by birth, about 5 feet 6 inches high, slender made, has a thin visage, sour look, remarkable projected lips, and wears his own black hair tied behind, with long curling locks at his ears; had on a light brown frieze postilion coat lappelled, and waistcoat of the same, with common plate buttons, a beaver hat much worn, leather breeches, coarse yarn stockings, and old shoes, with a pair of large single rimmed pinchbeck buckles. He was left behind on the road with a pretty large well made bay horse (which had tired) a good saddle with a blue fringed housing and bridle, with instructions to follow his master slowly, but has never since made his appearance at home, or been heard off. Whoever takes up the said servant, with the horse and saddle, &c. and brings them to the rev. mr. *Scott's*, in *Prince William*, or secures them so that the owner may get them again, shall have the above reward, or 30s. for either, with reasonable charges, paid by W. BROWNE.

*** He shaves and dresses well, but is much addicted to liquor.

STRAYED or *STOLEN* from the subscriber at *Hanover* town, two likely sorrel horses, one 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a blaze face, one of his hind feet and part of his leg white, a hanging mane and switch tail, drags both his hind feet, trots and gallops well, runs very well in a chair, and branded on the near shoulder, low down, F. The other is about 4 feet 8 inches high, has a blaze face, hanging mane and switch tail, with a few gray hairs intermixed in his mane and tail, some saddle spots a little behind his withers, paces, trots, and gallops well, and goes well in a chair; his brand, if any, forgot. I will give 40s. to any person that will bring me the said horses, or give such intelligence as I get them again, and 5l. on conviction of the thief, if he is a white man.

RICHARD BURNLEY.

For SALE,

A VALUABLE tract of land, well adapted for tobacco, wheat, hemp, &c. containing 2400 acres. It lies on *Flat* creek, a branch of *James* river, in *Amherst* county. There are convenient houses on said land, and cleared ground sufficient to work 16 hands. The terms will be made easy to the purchaser. Inquire of the subscriber.---On the first *Thursday* in *December* will be sold, on the said plantation, about forty *NEGROES*, with the stock of cattle and hogs; also the corn, wheat, and plantation utensils. Two years credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond and security. Seven and a half per cent. discount will be allowed for ready money.

(5) THOMAS M. RANDOLPH.

For SALE, or exchanged for land in any of the lower counties on the falls, and convenient to fish and oysters,

A VERY valuable plantation on *Roanoke*, in *Mecklenburg* county, *Virginia*, 65 miles from *Petersburg*, 30 from *Halifax* town, *North Carolina*, and known by the name of *Black's Ferry*. About 200 acres of the tract are as rich low grounds as any on *James* river, and well adapted for the growing fine tobacco, with 30 to 40 acres of valuable natural meadow. The place commands a fine range for all manner of stock, springs of excellent water, and several high and healthy situations for building. There is at this place a ferry established by act of Assembly, already very profitable, and promises to be much more so, being the nearest from *Petersburg*, *Blandford*, &c. to the fine settlements in *Bute* and *Granville* counties. There are all convenient and necessary buildings for a quarter, and the river abounds with shad and sturgeon in their season, and one or more places on this shore, which with little trouble may be made very profitable fisheries. There also belongs to the place an acre of land on the opposite shore, which secures the ferry. This place would be a very safe retreat for any family, during the present troubles. Reasonable time, if sold, may be had for payment; and the purchaser may have the stock of every sort now on the place, together with the corn, fodder, plantation implements, and the flats belonging to the ferry.

6 WILLIAM BLACK.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of land on Monk's Neck, *in the county of* Dinwiddie, *within seven miles of* Petersburg, *late in the possession of mr.* Alexander Shaw, *containing about 1050 acres, of which a considerable proportion is low grounds, capable of being improved into the finest meadow. A particular description is avoided, as I would choose every person inclinable to purchase should view and be satisfied of the quality of the land. The terms of sale, and time of credit, will be made agreeable, and an undoubted title assured to the purchaser.*

JOHN BANISTER.

ALL *the residue of the said* Alexander Shaw's *estate, both real and personal, is conveyed in trust to the subscribers, for the payment of considerable debts respectively due to them; after a discharge of which, the surplus is to be applied in satisfaction of his other creditors. All persons indebted to the said* Alexander Shaw *will take notice, that their payments are to be made to*

(tf) *ABRAHAM SMITH.*
JOHN BANISTER.

WANTED at *Hunter's* iron works, the falls of *Rappahannock* river, in the manufactory of small arms, a number of hands who understand the file, also anchor smiths, blacksmiths, and nailors, to whom suitable encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready money only, bar iron, fullers shears, files, and a variety of articles made in the iron branch, an where tradesmen of every kind, who incline to settle, may have half-acre lots of land at a small ground rent for ever, and may be assisted in building, provisions, and materials, and the produce of their labour taken in payment for the same. Apply to *John Strode*, manager of said works. (10)

WANTED

A PERSON capable of teaching *Reading*, *Writing*, *Arithmetick*, *Mathematicks*, and the *Latin Grammar*. Any person so qualified, having a good character, by applying to the subscriber in *Prince George*, near *Petersburg*, shall meet with genteel encouragement.

(tf) JAMES FEILD.

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